

**MEETING MINUTES
Town of Acton
Community Preservation Committee
October 14, 2010
Acton Memorial Library**

Attending: Walter Foster, Peter Ashton, Susan Mitchell-Hardt, Ken Sghia-Hughes, Janet Adachi, Tory Beyer, Corrina Roman-Kreuze, Roland Bourdon.

Also present was Steve Noone - Finance Committee observer

The meeting was called to order at 7:32PM

Minutes from 9/23/2010 meeting were approved. Minutes from the 10/06/2010 meeting were approved as amended.

Update on Proposed Caouette land purchase

Janet Adachi (BOS liaison) provided an update on the Caouette/Simeone property. Jim Okun of O'Reilly, Talbot & Okun provided an estimate of \$130,000.00 for environmental cleanup. Jim felt this was a fairly conservative estimate. Janet updated that the BOS voted to recommend the warrant articles. Three BOS members voted to support the purchase and one abstained citing that it is hard to recommend paying the land owner a premium plus the cost of cleanup.

CPC Funds will cover \$830,000; \$170,000 will come from general funds and the cleanup costs of \$130,000 will come from general funds.

Peter Ashton provided an update on the Open Space Committee meeting which met last Friday (October 8, 2010). Although the committee did not take a vote, the OSC feels this is not a good deal for the price. The OSC would like to see a re-negotiated deal. Selectman Rosenzweig Morton is trying to work with owners on reducing price.

Walter Foster noted his concern that if something happens regarding remediation, what is the Town's liability regarding the remediation and said that Town Counsel had indicated that an application for a Brownfields declaration from the Attorney General's office limiting the exposure to liability is in process. Janet Adachi added that the paperwork needs to begin as soon as possible as it takes a long time to process.

Steve Noone of the Finance Committee commented that five votes on FinCom were in favor of the purchase. If the warrant article passes, there will be an incremental tapping of reserves.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Documents Discussed and Attached

Meeting Agenda for October 14, 2010

Draft Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2010 CPC meeting

Draft Meeting Minutes from October 06, 2010 CPC meeting

Next Meeting: October 28, 2010 7:30PM

Respectfully Submitted: Corrina Roman-Kreuze, Clerk